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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant : Nancy A. Abbe
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For : APPARATUS FOR STORING FOOD (as amended)
Group Art Unit : 3727
Examiner : Stephen Castellano

New York, New York 10020
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified RCE patent application, applicant respectfully requests consideration of this case in light of the following amendments and remarks: